

The Cowperthwaite House
Near Moorestown, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Owner: Walter S. Green

Date of Erection: 1742

Architect:

Builder: Thomas Cowperthwaite

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick and stone

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster,
paneling on fireplace ends

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

In a deed dated December 4, 1732 John Cowperthwaite left to his sons Thomas and John his plantation in Chester County. He devised to his son Thomas the house that he lived in; this was on the north side of the road and is in the location of the present house. However, the present house has a painted date 1742 which is traditional and which would make Thomas Cowperthwaite the builder. By a deed dated 1773 the latter deeded to his son Job Cowperthwaite the plantation then in his possession containing about two hundred and fifty acres. Job passed it to his son Job who in turn left it to his twelve children. It was from the heirs of

Job that Joseph, one of the children, acquired title in 1818. Job left it to his brother Stacy who in turn left it to his brother Ambrose. It went from Ambrose to Fehman Cowperthwaite in 1852 and three years later Fehman sold fourteen acres with the house out of the family to Thomas S. Rogers for a consideration of seven thousand dollars. Since that time eleven transfers have been recorded. The present owner obtained possession in 1927.

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